



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the United States Marshals Service announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Today, Michael Avidano was sentenced by the Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge, to serve a 21 month prison term for traveling from Wyoming to Nebraska and failing to register as sex offender as required by federal law. In addition to the term of imprisonment, Avidano was required to serve five years of supervised release and pay a \$100 special assessment.

Avidano was arrested by the Lincoln Police Department on October 14, 2010, on a warrant from Wyoming for failure to register as a sex offender in that state. Avidano was required to register as a sex offender following a conviction for Attempted Sexual Assault in Antelope County, Nebraska. Upon returning to Nebraska, Avidano failed to register in Nebraska as required by state and federal law.

Name of Defendant: Michael Avidano

AKA:

Age: 27

City of residence: Lincoln, NE

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Failure to register as a sex offender, in violation of Title 18, U.S.C. Section 2250. Maximum Penalty is up to 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both, at least 5 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Lincoln, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: From on or about 8-31-09 to 10-14-10.

Federal Arrest Date: October 14, 2010

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: October 22, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: October 28, 2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): January 14, 2011

Sentencing Date: April 6, 2011

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge:

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: October 14, 2010

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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